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Students answer question: Who are you voting for?

TJC students registered to vote and picked up campaign information Sept. 28, a day before the National Youth and Student Voter Registration Day.

The national project to register and mobilize thousands of new voters was co-sponsored by more than 17 national organizations, ranging from the Children's Defense Fund and the Coalition for the Homeless to Youth Build USA and the American Federation of Teachers.

Journalism students were assigned to survey other students about voter registration and their preferences. Six of the 16 students completed their task. Based on those findings, George Bush would defeat John Kerry by 15 to 10.

With the upcoming Presidential election less than a month away, Americans are talking about who will win. Will George W. Bush remain Commander-in-Chief? Or, will Sen. John Kerry replace him?

Though talking about politics can be engaging and may,



photo by Shani Khan

Students pass by booths set up by Democratic and Republican parties. Political analysts say this election could rely heavily on college age Americans who take the time to vote. Those managing the booths handed out information on presidential candidates George Bush and John Kerry and the runoff election between Louie Gohmert and Max Sandlin for Texas Senator representing Tyler and East Texas.

on occasion, become heated, talking alone can do very little. Real change will only take place if eligible citizens take action by registering and voting in the election process.

Freshman Christy Hart, 18, a physical therapy major from Henderson, is registered and intends to vote for Kerry. Hart

likes Kerry because he is a Democrat and she believes he can help her.

Corkishia Gines, 19, a sophomore business major from Longview, also plans to vote for Kerry because she really liked Bill Clinton. With hopes that the two are similar, her ballot will go to the Mas-

sachusetts Democrat.

C.T. Ricks, 20, a math major from Mineola, is not registered to vote. But he said, at the time of this survey, he intended to register because he wants to make his vote count. Ricks supports George Bush because, "he doesn't believe in abortion and same-sex mar-

riages."

Sophomore general education major Morgan Hawley, 21, a registered voter from Big Sandy, said he voted for Bush in the 2000 election. Hawley will vote for Bush this election as well "because he backs up what he says."

Sophomore education major Emily Tyndell, 20, a registered voter from Jacksonville, another Bush supporter, said "he stands for our country, and he does the job with pride and cares for everyone."

Sophomore business administration major Brandie Ware, 29, from Henderson, is a registered voter. Ware did not vote in the 2000 election, but intends to vote for Kerry this year "because I don't like Bush," she said.

Sophomore nursing major Monica Saxon, 21, a registered voter from Chandler, will vote for Bush "because he's already been president," she said.

Sophomore business major Preston Miles, 19, registered and plans to cast his first presi-

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Drumbeat conveys tradition

Homecoming offers variety

by Rachael Riley
Co-editor

Homecoming activities kicked off early Monday when students began the traditional continuous drumbeat in front of Rogers Student Center.

Despite thunderstorms that shut off electricity and phone

service on campus, one could hear the regular, uninterrupted thumping of the Apache Spirit Drum. Representatives from campus organizations will beat the drum around the clock until the Saturday football game against long-time rivals, the Kilgore College Rangers.

"Drum beat started in 1948 when TJC moved to this campus. It lasts for 24 hours a day starting Monday at 8 a.m. till the game Saturday," Student Activities Director Scott Nalley explained.

"Tradition says if it stops we lose the game. In the past 15 years, it has only stopped once. TJC didn't lose that game, but it was tied and the weather was terrible," Nalley said.

This year's homecoming theme is "Awakening the Spirit."

Student Senate members working on Homecoming are: Freshman President Holli Hoffman, Vice President

Emily Biggs, Secretary Tiffani Bradley and Senators Sarah Ridley and Colt Wallace.

Others include: Sommer Bell, Michelle Halmes, Amber Henley, Meraland Jackson, Meghan Jamison, Kelly Knight, Heather Thomas, Walter Meadchis and Robert Rames.

Senate Homecoming chairperson is Amanda Zachary and Biggs is co-chair.

Students voted Monday and Tuesday for Homecoming Queen and King.

Nominees are: Apache Band., Krystalin Aquilera and Antonio Reed; Apache Belles, Sommer McBee and Daniel Spiers; Baptist Student Ministries, Bethany Waits and John Goad; Cheerleaders, Tasha Chimney and Travis Barton; Collegiate FFA, Mollie Fortner; Deaf Club, Brittney Strange and Anthony Luckey; Kappa Kappa Si, Matt Cobern; Las Mascaras, Katie Jones and Vincent Johnson.

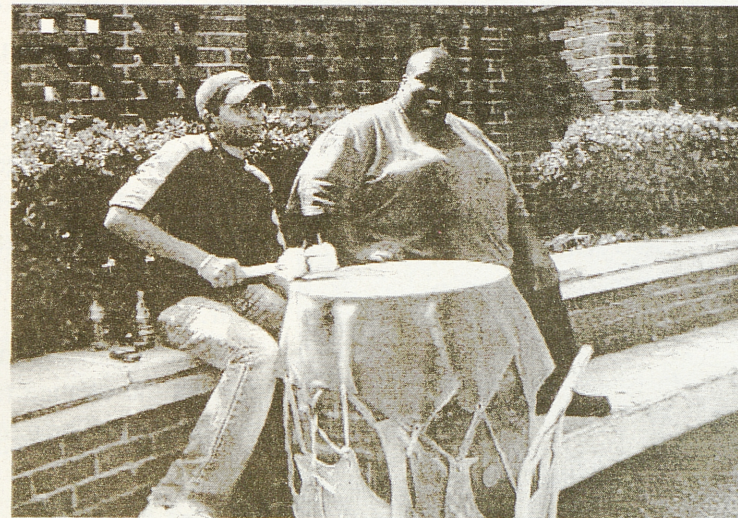


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Shani Khan beats the drum while fellow student, Jim Fields waits to relieve him.

Others are Phi Theta Kappa, Sarah Mayfield and Steve Mitchell; Student Senate, Amanda Zachary and Steven Anderson; Tae Kwon Do, Heather Dusenberry and Corey Lynch; Tau Beta Sigma, Katy Culver; YPMAD, LaeQuanta Golden and Charles Terry.

Finalists will be presented tomorrow at the noon pep rally on the lawn in front of Jenkins Hall.

The Alumni Association will serve free lunch for stu-

dents, staff and faculty at the pep rally.

Campus Capers talent show, another Homecoming tradition, begins at 7 p.m. Friday. "Talented students compete in amateur and professional divisions. The top 10 amateur acts chosen in tryouts will compete against each other," Nalley said.

The professional division includes student organizations that meet twice a week to perform. Usually Harmony and

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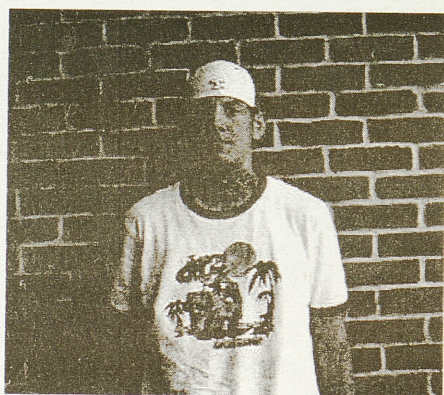
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What does Homecoming mean to you?

-Corkishia Gines
"Being with my friends again."



-Josh Leevy
"A long day's work because I participate in band."



-Sarah Mayfield
"Time to celebrate traditions and bring students together."



-Amanda Zachary
"It's a good way for students to come together and participate in school events."

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TJC, Kilgore . . . enough said

By Anthony Robinson Jr.
Staff Writer

TJC vs. Kilgore! Enough said. Homecoming, a week of many traditions, leads with the long, fierce rivalry between Kilgore and TJC. It doesn't get any better than that. You know it's big when you see freshmen walking around talking about the rivalry.

The rivalry between two East Texas junior colleges, located 31 miles apart, involves much more than just a football game. The winner owns bragging rights until next year.

Winning this game gives young players the chance to defeat nemesis Kilgore. The game Saturday at

Rose Stadium will be much more intense, because in their first match, TJC overpowered the Rangers 20-0. The rivalry makes for a hard-hitting, classic showdown any football fan can enjoy.

"One thing that makes the rivalry, is the proximity between the two schools. These guys see each other a lot which makes them want to win all the more," Apache Head Coach Dale Carr said.

Carr suggests the Apaches are not thinking about their last meeting with the Rangers. "Not by any means are we overlooking Kilgore, because our guys have been watching film. We know that they are a

better team since the last time we played them. After the 41-14 loss to Blinn last week, the Apaches had their best practice of the year on Tuesday," Carr said.

Carr is also very proud of his team of young players. He said they could easily be 3 and 3, instead of 5-1 by this time had they made more of the small, costly mistakes that young teams so often make.

The big showdown begins at 2:15 p.m. Saturday with the traditional Rim March by the Apache Belles, Apache Band and alumni. Then comes the main event, TJC vs. Kilgore! You're promised you'll get your money's worth.

It's Homecoming Week at TJC

By Rachael Riley
page editor

It's Homecoming week and some say for them it means coming together and being apart of something. For others it's a hectic week to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Faculty have decorated the buildings on campus showing school pride. Homecoming candidates have been anticipating Saturday to know if they will become king and queen. Football players and coaches have been practicing hard to ensure a victory over

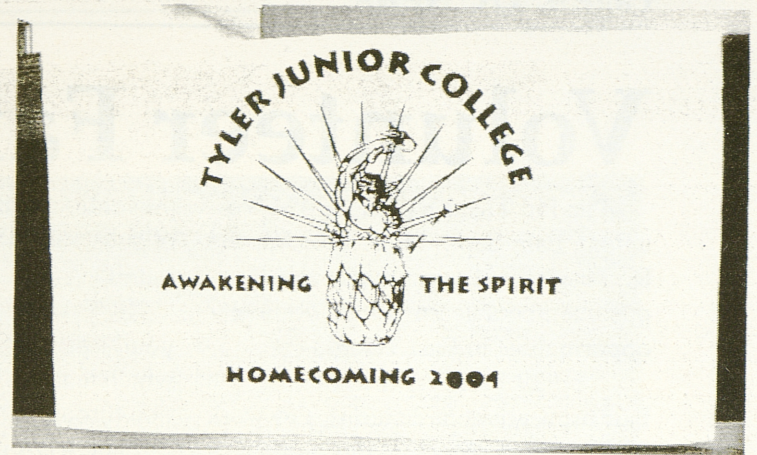
Kilgore. And Alumni have been participating in various events.

As a band member and TJC student, Homecoming is my favorite week in the football season. Even though some of us hate the "cheesy" song we play for the homecoming court. It's amusing to watch the Homecoming candidates attack you at the Rogers Student Center wanting you to vote for them, but you know that it's something that means a lot to them. I also think it's nice that the school has offered various socialization

events for students that aren't apart of a campus organization. Personally I am looking forward to the pep-rally and free food from the Alumni Association will be an good incentive.

Whether you're a football player, cheerleader, Apache Belle, Apache Band member, Alumni or just a student who likes to participate in the various events offered this week, one thing is evident, Homecoming "awakens the spirit" and pride in all of us at TJC.

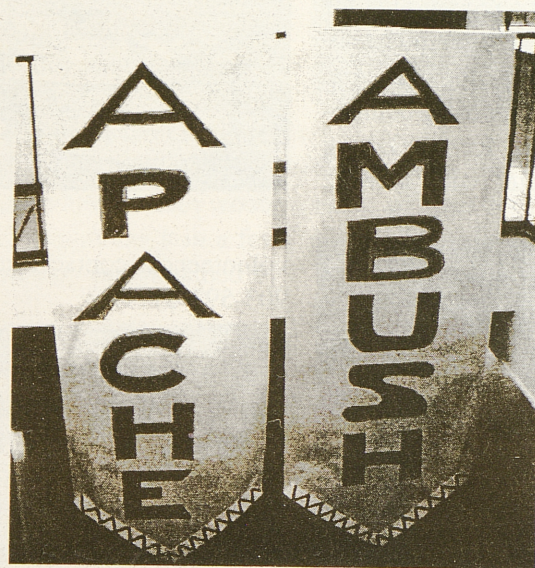
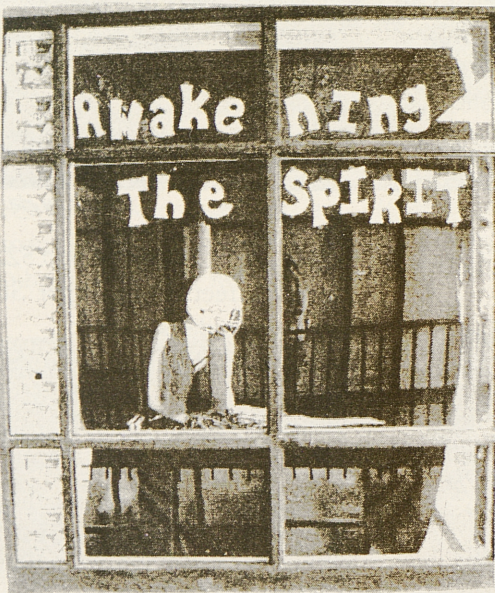
Homecoming brings life, color to campus



by Aaron May
page editor

Once again, school spirit is re-kindled at TJC with the arrival of Homecoming festivities. From the continuous beating of the Apache drum to the decorations on and inside campus buildings – even to the desecration of the Kilgore College logo, students are showing they have what it takes to support their team Saturday's big game.

The buildings are decorated by faculty, staff and members of some student organizations. Decorations will be judged on creativity by a student panel of students. Winner's will be announced at Friday's pep rally at noon on the front lawn. Free lunch will be served to all who attend.



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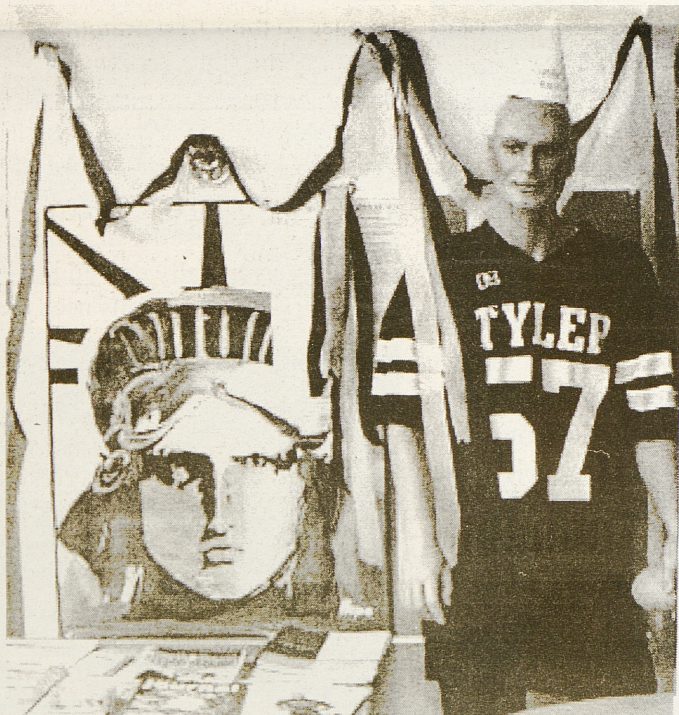
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Volunteer Fair promotes community,

The Phi Theta Kappa TEAM Volunteer Fair Sept. 15 in the Apache Rooms, helped community and campus members learn about volunteer opportunities in East Texas.

The 29 local organizations at the Fair drew about 550 sign-ups to work as volunteers. Meeting this number of potential volunteers excited many organization representatives.

The Stewart Regional Blood Center collected more than 31 units of blood at the Fair. Stewart workers called it "a very pleasing turnout for the campus."

Phi Theta Kappa Project Chair Jennifer Brooks asks all students to consider, "Is the future of your community worth your time?"

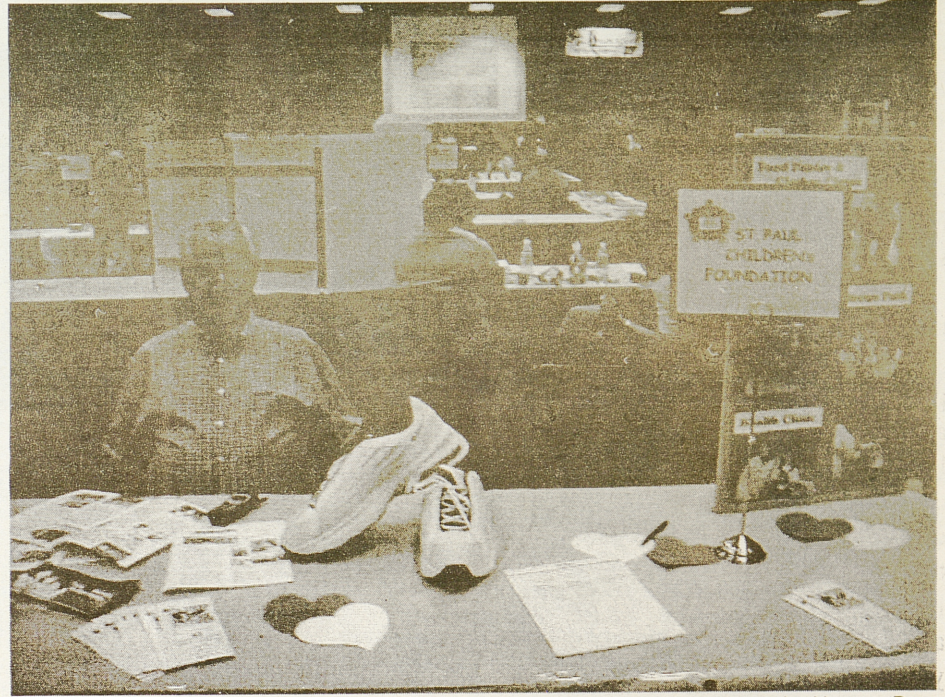
"If so, volunteer. Volunteering is

prevention, education and intervention of substance abuse issues in the community."

SCCADA's main program is their youth primary prevention program which teaches intervention and education throughout area school campuses.

SCCADA is also the lead agency in a federal community anti-drug coalition of about 25 agencies. The coalition is funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Seven full-time staff members and seasonal volunteers run the programs.

They are seeking a receptionist for their office and college-age students to be involved in the anti-drug coalition. They are also looking for camp counselors, a paid position, for week-long camps they facilitate twice a year,



photos by Hassan Dean



an adventure that allows you to simultaneously serve your community and discover more about yourself," Brooks said.

Brooks, PTK scholarship vice-president who coordinated the Fair said, "It turned out well." PTK sponsored the Fair to give organizations a place to meet student volunteers and students a chance to know about places to get or give help.

By mid-morning, some 800 students had come to the Volunteer Fair. Many came with their classes, but many students signed up to donate their time and service to some of the organizations.

The first Volunteer Fair in 2001 combined groups seeking volunteers and health services. Because this Fair was so successful, PTK plans another one for next fall, Brooks said.

Sister Communities Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse works to "coordinate and provide education, prevention and intervention services to nurture and encourage the return of individuals and families to healthy, useful and productive lives."

Program Services Director Charlene Shreder said they "provide services for

Shreder said.

Goodwill Industries of East Texas was another organization seeking help at the Fair. When most people think about Goodwill, their stores come to mind, but the agency actually does much more than sell things people don't want anymore. Development Director Jim Wooldridge said, "Goodwill was first established in 1902 in Boston by the Reverend Edgar Helms, a Methodist minister."

"Besides selling clothes, shoes, toys and other items, Goodwill also serves the community by providing job skills to the disabled and disadvantaged," Wooldridge said. These include "welfare dependent, those with criminal history, emotional disabilities and behavioral disorders," he said.

Goodwill is often compared to Salvation Army, but there is a big difference between the two, he said.

"Salvation Army takes the first step by providing shelter for those who need it. We take the second step, by giving them the skills needed to get a job," Wooldridge said.

Goodwill really has no big need for volunteers, but those who would like to

volunteer can contact him at anytime at 903-593-8774.

"When we take volunteers," Wooldridge said, "I look for someone who is willing to learn and try. We are trying to work out intern positions with TJC, UT Tyler and Texas College. We are thinking of projects to do with the students," he said. "It's a way to put great minds together."

How do donated items get into Goodwill stores, and what happens to the rest? "We have people that we call sorters, who go through the donated goods and grade them" to choose those good enough to sell in the store. "Those that don't go into the store are bundled and sold to our reseller in Athens."

"They eventually end up in Africa and other places that really need them,"

Super Stores at 1817 Loop 323 and on Locust Street. Both Super Stores are open seven days a week."

Melissa Smith is a prime example of a dedicated volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club in Tyler. She has worked there four years, helping the kids to escape from the problems they have at home. She leads activities at the Boy and Girls club.

The Club began in 1994 with the mission to inspire and enable young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as responsible and caring citizens. A main goal is to keep kids safe, motivated and successful.

To reach boys and girls, they encourage other kids to tell friends about it, send flyers to parents, the staff visits



he said.

To help needy people through Goodwill, Wooldridge suggests: "You can make financial contributions, donate usable goods, refer people to Goodwill Training Services, organize clothing drives or donate holiday gifts you were planning to return."

Goodwill has three locations to receive donations: downtown at 409 W. Locust Street Monday through Saturday, next to Green Acres Bowling on Loop 323 near Golden Road or at the

schools and they sponsor a Kids Day with activities and food. Volunteers must be positive role models, enthusiastic, consistent and just want to help kids.

Boys and Girl Club members must be 6-21 years old. Membership costs \$5 a year at the Castle and Texas College. For a \$25 a week tuition fee, students get a snack and a scholarship offer upon request. They also teach a GED program for young adults 18-21 years old.

campus involvement

Boys and Girls Club after-school programs include: tutoring, Kids Cafe', GED programs, life skill classes, truancy abatement and prevention, recreation and relationship development, and, most important of all, love to family and friends. The Club also provides summer programs.

Habitat for Humanity was another organization at the Volunteer Fair.

Habitat helps build houses for people in need. Volunteers build a house and sell it to the selected family selected family with a no interest loan. To qualify for a Habitat home, a family must show: a need for adequate shelter, the ability to pay for the house, a willingness to partner with Habitat and be a Smith County resident for at least one year.

Homeowners, once qualified, are required to put in 350-500 hours "sweat equity" to help build their homes.

Habitat provides these services with the help from the community and individual donations. All house payments made from the homeowners goes directly back into the Habitat funds to build more houses. Funds for these houses also comes from The Restore sales. Anyone, including Habitat, can purchase building materials at The Restore. This store, at 324 E. Locust Street, helps the community, allows people to purchase building materials and supplies cheaper and saves landfills.

One of many touching stories about Habitat for Humanity involves a small boy. He came to the Habitat center with his parents one day and asked if he could volunteer. He told them he wanted to help build a house as his birthday present. They told him he had to be at least 16 to volunteer and that they would love to have him come back in a few years. All at Habitat were touched by



Disappointed but not deterred, the boy came up with his own plan. The child returned with his mom to donate all his birthday and savings money to Habitat as his birthday present. After that, so did his little sister.

Many people work in this organization, but thousands volunteer to build. Anyone can volunteer. Volunteers must be at least 16 to help on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To learn other ways to volunteer behind the scenes, call Volunteer Coordinator Carol Cassity at 903-595-6630.

St. Paul Children's Foundation is a not-for-profit organization based on faith and aimed to help East Tyler children. The "Wonderful Wednesday" after school program started it all. Volunteers Frank and Reba Myrick said, "Numerous volunteers help more than 100 elementary and middle school children each week with schooling and activities."

To volunteer, call St. Paul's Direc-

tor Carolyn Davis at 903-531-9455.

This organization offers many other outreach programs that depend on volunteers as well. At the dental and health clinic, open five days a week, Tyler dentists and physicians see patients.

The mobile medical van travels to eight East Texas counties to provide health care for those who otherwise would have none.

Families can get help from a clothes closet and food pantry also.

In the neighborhood of renovated frame houses, a police sub-station and Boy Scout Troop #363 are housed.

Andrews Park is a gathering place for young neighborhood children and where the summer lunch program takes place.

The mission of this organization, "Work in the spirit of Christ to build a healthy and joyful community for children and their families" is evident in all that they do.



Student takes class project to new level

by Anthony Croff
staff writer

Business major Kevin Kimbrell, 23, took going "all out" for a presentation to a whole new level. Those arriving on campus Sept. 23 no-

ticed the giant climbing wall in the parking lot behind Tyler Museum of Art. Kimbrell brought his own climbing wall to class for a how-to speech on "belaying": the method of safely securing someone as

they climb. Kimbrell said he's "hoping to generate interest in the rock climbing classes" offered at TJC. Kimbrell's four-sided wall, which he purchased in August, is 23 feet tall. "I really got into it taking Rock Climbing I last spring," he said. "This is also a business of mine." Kimbrell's business, "Rock On Climbing", he said, is in startup phase. Among his contracted events is the famous Canton Trade Days. Kimbrell hopes one day to be self-employed as owner of an indoor rock climbing gym. "If you're going to make a living, better to do what you like to do," he said.

Kevin Kimbrell stands next to his personal rock wall that he brought to demonstrate belaying to his speech class.



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Students tell best, worst moments: part 2

General Degree major Amanda Wickware, 19, of Tyler lives with her parents in Winona. She works 40 hours a week at Wal-Mart and helps her parents pay her tuition. The best things ever, Wickware said, were the births of her nephews and nieces. "They are my angels and I love them and they make my life better," she said. The worst was the loss of one niece. From that experience she learned that life and family are precious.

Darmesha Martin, a 20-year-old nursing major, lives in her apartment in Tyler. She pays for college with grants and loans and by working 40 hours a week at Park Place Nursing Home. The best thing that happened to her was moving out on her own because it made her feel more like an adult. The worst thing was when her cousin died. He was "like a brother to me," Martin said. "I haven't coped with it yet. I learned that life is precious and people need to learn to take better care of themselves."

Nursing major Kara Herring, 18, of Frankston lives with her parents. She pays her tuition with grants and works at Petland 32 hours a week. The best thing that has happened to her is her boyfriend. She says

"Don't ever consider a mistake a regret. Consider it a lesson learned."

she's much happier now. The worst was running over her kitten. Now she checks under her car before she leaves home.

Jacob Davis is a theater major, coming out of a little town in West Texas named Bledssoe. Davis, 19, works in the theater department. He said the best thing that ever happened to him was moving to Tyler. When asked what was his worst, He simply said, "moving to Tyler."

Freshman Jared Davis, 18, also a theater major from Bledssoe enjoys acting, video games, running, basketball and tumbling. "The best thing that ever happened to me was going to nationals in gymnastics," Davis said. The worst thing was breaking his leg.

Twenty-two year old sophomore Daniel Hubbard is from Lone Oak. He majors in business administration and theater and works at Best Buy. His advice for other students is

"You're given a hand of cards to deal with in life, but it's not what you have, it's how you play them."

"Don't ever consider a mistake a regret. Consider it a lesson learned." He said the best thing ever will be when he graduates. The worst is "realizing everything I tried to block out."

Getting accepted into college and being able to help the community by continuing his education is Donny Long's best experience. Long, 22, is a nursing major from Henderson.

Long learned a lot from his worst experience in life when his sister was murdered last summer. One way he coped with the tragedy was by counseling with a psychologist. Long said, "You're given a hand of cards to deal with in life, but it's not what you have, it's how you play them."

Andrew Brown's best experience happened last summer when he got the opportunity to work with world-renowned gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi and meet the U.S.

Olympic women's gymnastics team. Brown, 19, from Houston, works at Texas East Gymnastics in Tyler.

But getting arrested at 15 taught Brown that crime doesn't pay and hanging out with the wrong crowd isn't worth it in the end.

Besides marrying her husband Ben, having her daughter Kortlynn is Courtney Grimes's best experience in life. Grimes, 23, of Jacksonville, a respiratory therapy major, said, "It changed my life for the better and made me view life in a new way."

Grimes' worst experience was dealing with her grandpa's death. But from that experience, she learned how important it is to spend quality time with her family.

Chasity Pierce, 19, a psychology major from Irving lives on campus in Claridge Hall. Unemployed, Pierce pays for school with help from her

parents plus scholarships, grants and loans. The best thing that ever happened, Pierce said, was "making captain of my drill team, because I felt honored to know that my peers respected me and wanted me to be their leader."

The worst thing, Pierce said, was "when my cousin died from cancer. It was hard because we were extremely close. It made me realize that tomorrow isn't promised."

Sophomore nursing major Lagail Shepherd from Grapeland, also lives on campus in Claridge Hall. Shepherd said the best thing that ever happened to her was getting to know Jesus, "because without him I am nothing." The worst thing was, "getting involved with the wrong person. Just because it looks and smells good, doesn't mean it is good."

"The best thing that ever happened to me was graduation," psychology major Chris Collins said, "because it was an accomplishment. It changed my life because I realized I was stepping foot into the real world."

"The worst thing that ever happened to me is when my grandmother died. I learned you should never take things for granted because you never know when they will leave." Collins, 20, is from Dallas.

Minter to serve as interim dean

by Bert Fite
page editor

Longtime TJC administrator Richard Minter has agreed to serve as dean of university studies during the search for a new dean. University Studies Dean Dr. Bob Peters retired in late August. Minter has agreed to serve for one year.

Minter, no stranger to TJC, started work here in 1969 as a drafting instructor. In 1973 he became assistant dean of technology and dean of technology the next year when the acting dean retired. Minter moved to be dean of development in 1985, a position he held until August.

"I was ready to retire two years ago," Minter joked, "but I agreed to stay here for a year while they searched for a new dean."

Minter graduated from Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1965 with a bachelor's degree. He then served in the military and fought in Vietnam. After his military service, he returned to Sam Houston and earned a master's in industrial education in 1968. At 27, he married his wife, Pat. They met at Sam Houston during

his senior year. They have one son and two grandchildren. Minter plans to do a lot of camping and hunting when he retires.

"If I had one thing to tell the students it would be 'Take advantage of every educational opportunity you can!'" Minter said, "It is so easy to let opportunity slide right by."

Minter advises students to get all they can out of every class, even ones they think are insignificant.

"We could focus our teaching to specific areas and send our students to work, but we are aiming at a broad education. We want the students to leave here as well-rounded persons," he said.

"My philosophy in life is to 'bloom where you are planted' and that applies to everyone, faculty and students. A positive attitude goes a very long way," Minter said.

With a positive attitude, Minter plans to "hold down the fort until a new dean is employed." He takes pride in his job and pride in this college.

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dential vote for John Kerry, because he believes Kerry will be a good president..

Registered voter freshman Dee Green, 18, plans to vote for Bush. Green believes "it is good we are in war," he said. He said he voted for Bush in 2000 because he thought he "would be good for our country."

Sophomore Joseph Castle, 19, from Beaumont plans to vote for Kerry because he feels "our country needs new rules." Castle said voted for Bush in 2000 because he thought he would be a good leader.

Sophomore psychology major Chris Collins, 19, from Longview is registered and plans to vote for Kerry because he feels changes need to be made.

High school education major James Duke, a freshman from Hughes Springs, is a registered voter who plans to vote for Bush. Duke said, "Bush knows what he's doing" plus "he's a Texan." Duke said he will not support Kerry because he does not agree with the draft coming

back into effect.

Sports medicine major J.B. Herron from New London plans to vote for Bush because he is "a home-grown Texan, simple as that." He was not old enough for president in 2000.

Freshman education major Courtney Haden from Trenton is not registered and does not plan to vote. Haden said she is "not into politics." If she did vote, she would support Kerry because her family is Democratic.

Sophomore journalism major Sarah Newburn, 22, from Jacksonville, voted for Bush in the 2000 and plans to again because he is "a Texas boy and Republican."

Tracy Pugh, 44, a 2002 TJC graduate living in Jacksonville, is a registered voter, but declined to say who will get his vote. It's "none of anyone's business," he said. He voted in 2002 and 2000 General Elections.

TJC graduate Carla Anderson, 32, lives in Tyler with her family. A registered voter, Anderson plans to

vote for the Kerry-Edwards ticket, because of John Kerry's stance on labor unions. She voted for Gore and Lieberman in 2000, citing the Democrats' stand on labor and unions.

Freshman John Braton, 46, of Tyler, is registered, and plans to vote for Bush/Cheney because of their experience. Braton voted for Bush and Cheney in 2000 because he wanted change in the White House.

Sophomore nursing major Ashley Rodriguez, 21, lives with her family in Van. She is not a registered voter and did not intend to register.

Math Instructor Charlotte Latham has lived in Tyler 20 years and taught math for 17 years, 14 at Robert E. Lee High School, before she came to TJC. A registered voter, she plans to vote for Bush/Cheney because "he's a conservative" and "I believe in his values," she said. She voted for Bush/Cheney in 2000 because she "heard him (Bush) speak at Baylor University and was impressed in what he had to say."

Sophomore Ashley Payne, 21, will not vote in this year's election. If she had registered, she would have voted for Bush, she said, because she likes the way Bush has handled the war and his tactics.

Computer Science major Kendrick Cooks, 20, intends to vote for John Kerry. Cooks said, "Bush is trying to start a war that doesn't need to be started... I'm not feeling what he (the president) has to say."

Ace Johnson, a 20-year-old business major from Tyler, said he will also punch Kerry on his ballot " 'cause Bush is crooked."

"The Michael Moore film 'Fahrenheit 9-11,' opened my eyes to a lot of stuff," he said.

Johnson, who voted for Al Gore in the last election, said, "He had a lot of potential."

Jason Shieldes, 27, a biology lab instructor, hopes to re-elect the president in November. Shieldes said, "I agree more with how he handles things. I agree more with his policies."

Shieldes voted for Bush in the 2000 election as well. "I don't know about Kerry," Shieldes said.

Cody Crawford, an 18-year-old engineering major, said he will vote for Bush next month. Crawford said his reason is "because he's a Republican, and I'm a Republican." Crawford also likes the fact that Bush is a strong supporter of our military.

"My parents vote for him. That's how I've been raised," Crawford said.

Sophomore Tiffany Jaynes, 21, from Mineola, planned to register and vote for Bush. The photography major said Bush has "strong values and stands by what he says he is going to do."

Freshman Casey Carter, 20, of Lindale, is registered and plans to vote for Bush. He said he likes Bush "because he is a strong-valued Christian man and he is very family-oriented. I like the way he leads our country."

April Geddie, Robyn Hundley, Brooke Langston, Peter Martin, Aaron May, Anthony Robinson and Rhonette Smith contributed to this story.

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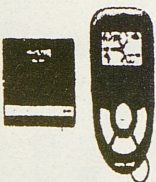
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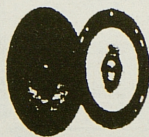
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Student Enrichment Series Phildius to tell how to get out of debt Oct. 19

Brooke Langston
staff writer

Try to imagine being \$160,000 in debt. What would you do? Student Enrichment Series speaker Keith Phildius will provide some solutions.

The first event in "The Power of One" series with Phildius kicks off at 10 a.m. Oct. 19 in Apache Rooms 1-4 at Rogers Student Center. Students and faculty can pick up free tickets now in the student activities office 235 in Rogers Student Center.

Like so many others, Phildius was in debt...big time. Then he

learned some strategies for debt elimination that actually worked. Phildius is now a certified seminar leader and has developed his own seminar business.

Emmy award-winning television writer Randy Cohen will be the second speaker for "The Power of One" series. Cohen will speak at 10 a.m. Nov. 4 in Apache Rooms 1-4 at Rogers Student Center. Students and faculty can get free tickets starting Oct. 24 in 235 Rogers..

Shoshana Johnson, former POW during Operation Iraqi Freedom, will be the third speaker, Feb. 25, 2005.

Homecoming

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melodrama "Monster Soup." The cast included volunteers and Off Broadway Arts theater company.

"It's a night where people can dress up and enjoy a show while eating prime rib

and shrimp fettuccine."

The Alumni Association sponsor a tailgate party noon Saturday on the parking lot beside Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. Reservations must have been

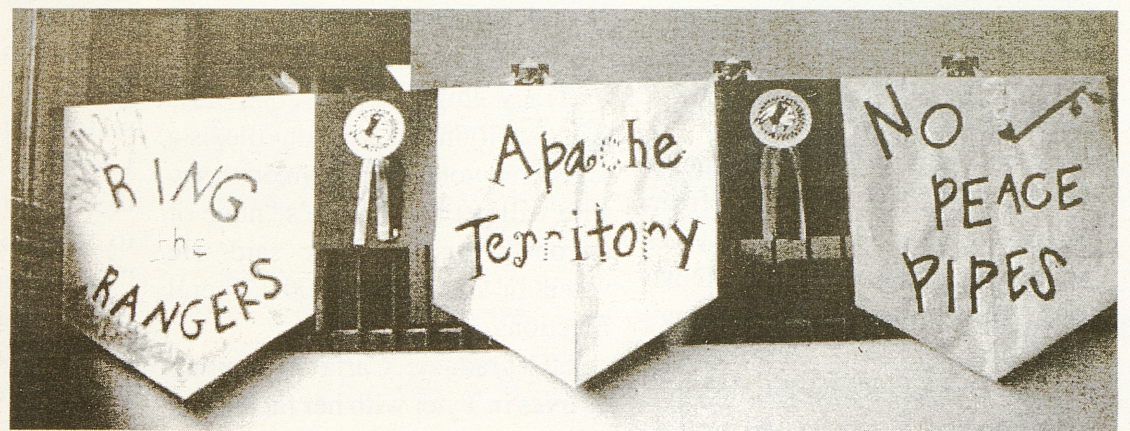
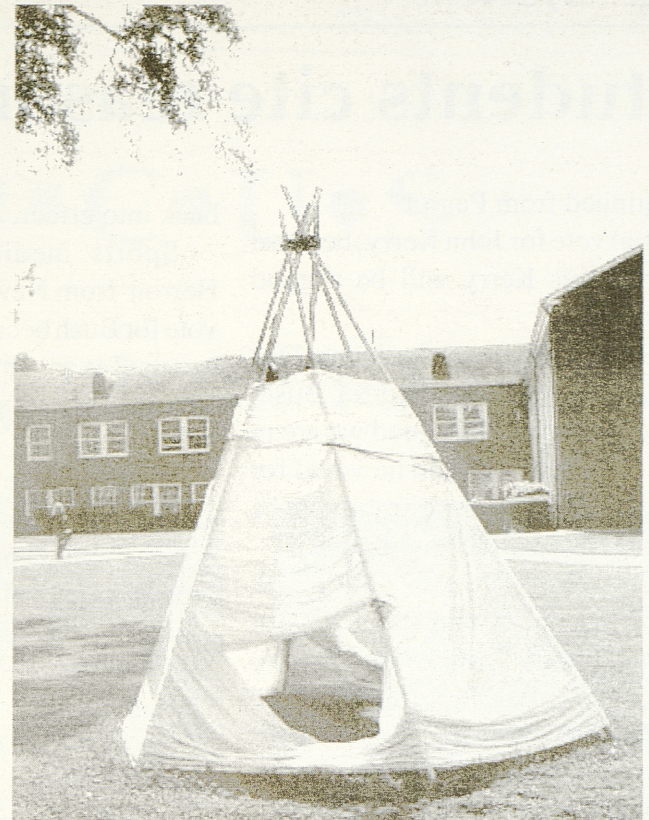
made by Monday to attend.

The Apache Band, Apache Belles and Alumni will start game festivities by marching the rim of the stadium alumni from these groups will join them.

The Homecoming Court will be presented on the field at 2:15 p.m.

The Most Beautiful Girl and Most Handsome Guy and the 2004 Homecoming Queen and King will be announced.

The TJC Apaches vs. Kilgore College game kicks off at 3 p.m.



This years Homecoming theme is "Awakening the Spirit." The school shows it's spirit by adorning buildings with banners and decorations.

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Thursday, 6:00 p.m. **"Cruise Night" at the Whataburger Hot Rod Café**
6849 S. Broadway (in front of the Wal-Mart Supercenter). Drive your hot rods, classic cars, or just come out and vote for your favorites! Special prizes, food coupons, music, etc. (No charge/No reservations)

Friday, Noon **Alumni All-School Pep Rally Picnic on Jenkins Front Lawn**
Come back to Apacheland—Meet the 2004 Apache Football team, Cheerleaders, Band, Belles, and show your school spirit!

Friday, 6:30 p.m. **Alumni Association Awards Dinner/Dance**
Rogers Student Center, Apache Rooms 1-4. Featuring the TJC Jazz Band, with special guest performance by former band director Eddie "Boss" Fowler. (No Charge, but please RSVP by Oct 8.)

This year's award recipients:

Harold C. Beaird '49, Outstanding Public Service Award
Patrick R. Thomas, M.D., Black and Gold Award
Coach Herb Richardson '49, Apache Spirit Award

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. **Alumni Reunions**
... for Band, Belles, & Cheerleaders. Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium Parking Lot (just south of Harvey Hall Convention Center). All former Band members and Belles wishing to walk the rim should wear black.

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. **Alumni Tailgate Party**
TMF Rose Stadium (\$5/person, RSVP by Oct. 8)

Saturday, 2:00 p.m. **Band, Belles & Their Alums**
... Assemble to Walk the Rim. Meet at your reunion tents and don't forget to wear Black!

Saturday, 2:15 p.m. **Homecoming Pre-game Show**
... and Court Presentation. TMF Rose Stadium Football Field

Saturday, 3:00 p.m. **TJC Apaches vs. Kilgore Rangers Kickoff**
TMF Rose Stadium Football Field. Halftime show featuring Apache Belles & Band vs. Kilgore Rangerettes & Band

(All Alumni Members are admitted free to the game—just show your card at the gate.

We will also have a special reserve section in the stands for reunion groups!) Current students are welcome to attend all events.

For more information or to RSVP, call Nicole in the Alumni Office at **903-510-2588**, 800-687-5680, ext. 2588, fax 903-510-2632 or e-mail TJC Alumni Director Betty Briggs at bbri@tjc.edu. Check out our Web site: tjc.edu/alumni

